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W. Char. L. Clarke.

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My dear Mr. Clarke,

Thank you so much for yours of the 3rd re Gustav Soden and our friend Brewster. Your injunction as to the yellow sheet has been followed by destroying it after reading.

Dwelt little about this case and his reply is that Soden was head draughtsman at G.F. Scheffler says the same, so I replied to Brewster, simply asking forgiveness if anything in my letter of Sept 25th gave umbrage to either Miss Soden or himself, but that I only stated facts as they appeared on our records, facts I would be only too pleased to change if they were erroneous.

Told him our records were of a man named Gustav Soden, who once was kept of the machine works at Gowek st, and later with the Merck Chemical Co., and asked him if they were one & the same - to ask Miss Soden if she recalled this incident in her Father's career? If my reply indicates it is Gustav, and the incidents agree with her records, then how about the change

of name from Soden to Soden, and why did the old curmudgeon lie to her like he did? I can't destroy her faith in her Father by saying anything about this, so shall never refer to it, neither to herself nor Brewster. If the Executive Committee so directs, she's entitled to Exeminent Membership by virtue of her Father's record, but they and they only have the power in accordance with the By-Laws.

The girl may be sobbing with grief that her statement was not accepted as authentic, as Brewster states, and he may "want to pull the liar's nose" for giving me contra information. Perhaps his interest is deeper than that of mere platonic friendship - I don't know, but certainly I shall take no action until the matter is settled, and rightfully so. I know Brewster of old, and he can't trap me into any discussion.

He written Geo. L. Morrison, J.W. Howell, and Sam Drury re the developments at Drury's, and if any or all of them don't act after the reading of those letters, there's no shame left in the world. That property has got to be saved to us, and I'm going to do my damndest to bring it about.

My kindest wishes to you and yours, and the same to Mr. Andrews.

Wilson Howell sails for California the 26th for the winter. I'm giving him John Lightfoot's and Basie Lawrence's addresses.

Sincerely yours
J.H. Wardlaw.